

Here are some important dates – and reminders – concerning this year’s release of MAP testing data, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations and Annual Performance Reports (APRs).

#### MAP & AYP RELEASE SCHEDULE

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education intends to release 2005 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) data for all schools and districts to the public on Friday, August 19. These data will be made available to the public and the news media via the DESE Web site.

Along with the MAP results and analysis, DESE will announce preliminary AYP results for all buildings and a preliminary list of “schools needing improvement,” schools requiring “corrective action,” etc.

These data (MAP and AYP) will be made available to school districts in advance, beginning on Tuesday, August 16. The information will be available on DESE’s secure Web site so that you and other members of your staff will have an opportunity to review the results prior to their public release.

Last week (July 20), superintendents received a memo in the DESE “Mail Bag” that outlined procedures for securing access to MAP data via the Web site and the Crystal Reports system. This information also was sent to each district’s assessment coordinator. Please review that memo if you still need to obtain passwords or other assistance in gaining access to the online data.

We are now planning to provide major news media outlets with advance MAP and AYP data, with an embargo on reporting until the morning of August 19. It is possible, as a result, that you may be contacted before August 19 about your district’s results. We suggest that you try to hold public reporting and commentary about your MAP and AYP results until the morning of August 19.

#### STATUS OF TITLE I SCHOOLS

Any changes in the Title I status of school buildings must be submitted to the Department by August 5 in order for such changes to be included in the public release of MAP and AYP data on August 19. (Coordinators of federal programs have already been notified of this requirement.) This reminder may be important to you, because any school that receives Title I funds is subject to sanctions under No Child Left Behind if the school does not meet AYP targets for two consecutive years. If you decide to change a school’s Title I status after August 5, that change will NOT be recognized in our system until the final AYP determinations are announced in early November.

#### RELEASE OF ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS

At this time, we are planning to publish preliminary Annual Performance Reports (APRs) on DESE’s secure Web site on Thursday, September 15. Districts will have from September 15 to October 14 to submit changes for APR and MAP student-demographics data.

Our goal is to release final APRs and school “report card” information on November 1, via the DESE Web site.

During the last week of October (on or about October 24), the Department will provide official notification to all superintendents about “schools needing improvement,” based on the final AYP calculations. We will make this information for the entire state available to the public early in November – possibly on November 4. We will notify you about this date when it is confirmed.

#### TO RECAP, HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

--August 16: 2005 MAP and AYP data available to districts on secure Web site.

--August 19: Public release of MAP & preliminary AYP data.

--September 15: Preliminary APR reports available through secure password.

--September 15 to October 14: Window for districts to submit corrections for APR data and MAP demographic information.

--November 1: Public release of district- and building-level APRs and "school report cards."

--November 4 (tentative): Release of final list of "schools needing improvement," based on 2005 MAP results.

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